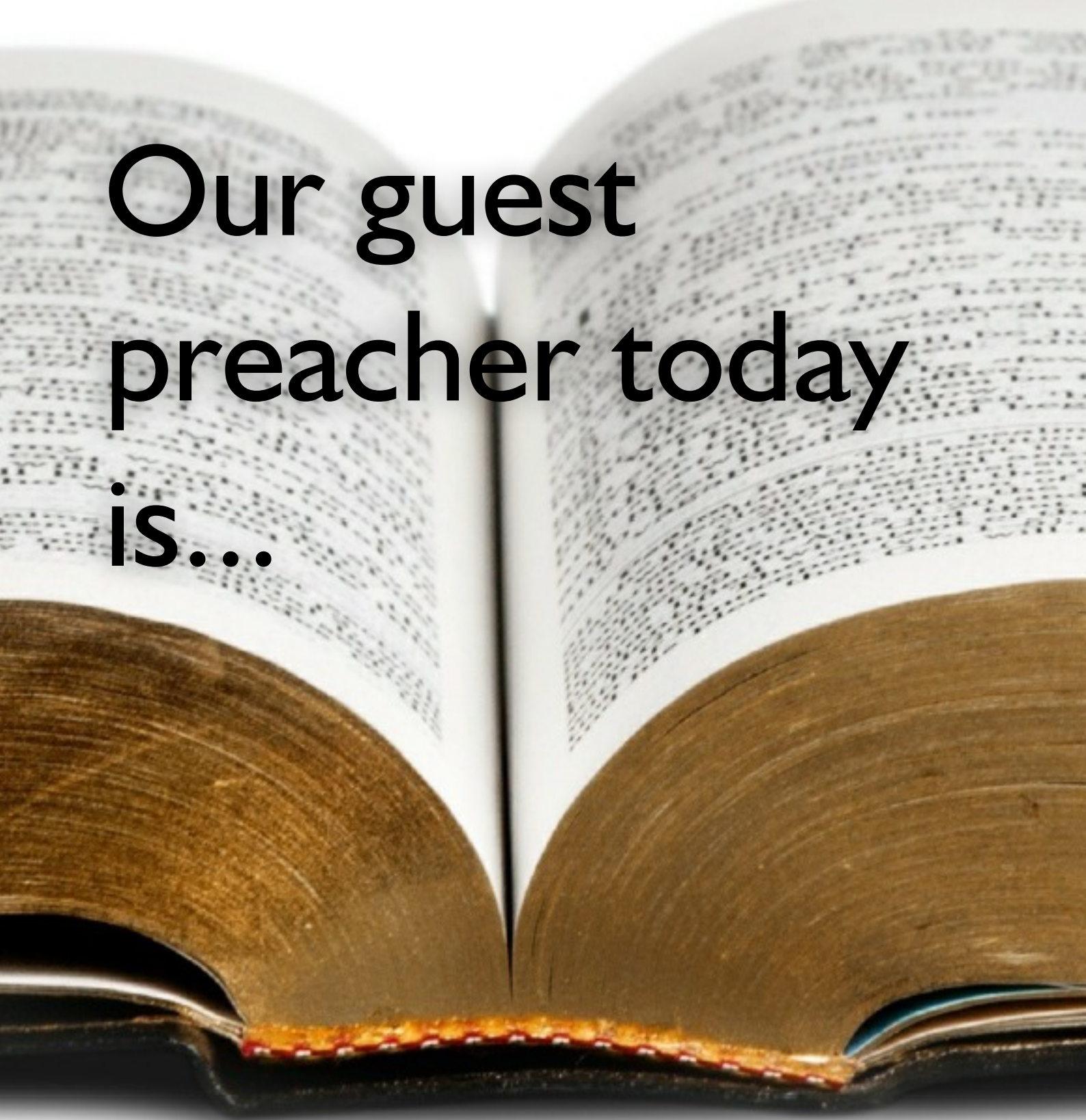




**Our guest
preacher today
is...**

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The Parable of the Sower - Good soil for the Kingdom.

1. Opening prayer.
2. Hymn: I am a new creation, no more in condemnation.
3. Bible reading: Isaiah 55:8–13 and / or John 16:25–33 and / or Acts 1:1–11
4. Prayer. (Appendix 1)
5. Hymn: In Christ alone, my hope is found.
6. Watch and listen to the Sermon.
7. Discuss the questions. (Appendix 2)
8. Hymn: You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
9. The Benediction.





Appendix 1

Let us pray.

Father God, we thank you that we can come before your throne and worship the living God. That we can come before the God who endlessly showers his love and generosity upon all people.

As we think about what it is to be part of your kingdom, to see your kingdom grow and flourish in our own lives, in the lives of our churches and the church across both this nation and the church worldwide, we recognise that we need to continually turn towards you, to see your face, your guidance, your wisdom and your discernment in our lives.

We ask, Father, that you will make the shallow places of our lives more deep, that you will guide us and sustain us in the rocky places, keep us secure in our faith when surrounded by temptations, so that we may grow more and more like you.

Give us hearts and minds that long for your word, that seek to spend time in your presence. Remind us by the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives to seek you in all things, so that we may plough the fields of our lives so that the seed of your word, your kingdom, becomes so deeply embedded and rooted in us that we become inseparable from you.

Give us your open-hearted generosity to share your love with everyone around us, whoever they are, knowing that we are all made in your likeness and image. And keep us safely on your path all the days of our life.

Amen.





Appendix 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think about the way the sower sows, would you just scatter seed all around, or would you direct it more? What does this say to you about the sower?
2. Who is the sower? Is it more than one person?
3. Jesus explains this parable, but only to his disciples at the time. Even with his explanation, do you find what he says clear, or do you still have questions? If so, what would you do with / about them?

